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Chief of Mission, Frankfurt

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CHERRY/Operational

CHERRY/Finance/CHERRYHYPER's salary

1. CHERRYHYPER has approached the undersigned with the request that we give him financial assistance to defray certain unexpected expenses. These are outlined below. It is recommended that KUBARK assume payment of these bills. CHERRYHYPER's routine personal expenses are such that he has been unable to save any money, and therefore, to pay these bills, he would either have to dispose of personal household furnishings or materially reduce the standard of living of his family. This latter alternative is not operationally desirable since when considered from a morale standpoint in connection with the strain and risk CHERRYHYPER undergoes in his CHERRY assignment, it is conceivable that CHERRYHYPER might resign, and KUBARK would be faced with the proven very difficult task of finding a qualified replacement for the Security Officer slot in CHERRY.

A. DM 100.10: Included within CHERRYHYPER's normal apartment rent (approximately DM 210 per month) is an amount which his landlady estimates at the beginning of a winter season as being sufficient to defray the costs of heating his apartment. The total heating estimate for the building is pro-rated among all of her tenants. At the end of a winter season, the landlady totals up the actual costs of heating, and if they should be higher than the estimated cost, pro-rates the difference among the tenants. Since the winter season 1953-54 was unexpectedly long, the difference was considerable and the DM 100.10 mentioned above is the amount CHERRYHYPER has been billed.

B. Approximately DM 150: CHERRYHYPER estimates that this amount will be due as income taxes for 1953. Since CHERRYHYPER had only recently assured the undersigned that he was paying his income taxes

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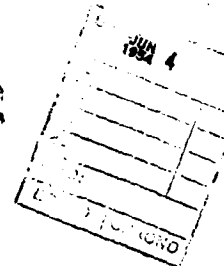
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out of his salary, the request for funds to defray 1953 taxes seemed unwarranted. However, CARBONHYDRATE said that the stated figure represents the amount due for the first five month period after he arrived in West Berlin when his tax arrangements had not apparently been made. He again assured the undersigned that he was paying his present and all future taxes out of his salary and that he was only making this request since he could not possibly make the back payment himself.

2. Based upon the above requests, the undersigned questioned CARBONHYDRATE closely concerning the reasons why he had not been able to save enough money to take care of such emergencies. CARBONHYDRATE outlined a typical month's expenses for himself, his wife and four children, and it appears that, with his present salary (DM 625), he is barely able to make ends meet and cannot save enough to be able to take care of unforeseen emergency expenses such as are outlined in paragraph 1 above. This problem was outlined previously in paragraph 11 of NSR 7907 and, if anything, the situation has worsened since that time. It is therefore requested that approval be given to a DM 100 per month raise in CARBONHYDRATE's salary effective 1 June 1954. Based upon detailed questioning the monthly budget outlined by CARBONHYDRATE appears believable and reduced to bare necessities. The major expenses are for the feeding and clothing of his children, apartment rent and taxes, and neither parent indulges in anything even remotely resembling luxuries. In addition to the apparent necessity for the raise, it is felt that the manner in which CARBONHYDRATE approaches his work in GADROIT merits the raise and his work to date has appeared quite satisfactory. Another element in considering the raise is the fact that CARBONHYDRATE's salary was previously augmented by cigarettes and coffee upon a monthly basis, and these commodities are no longer given him.

3. Sufficient funds exist in the GADROIT account for the above payments.

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